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Brezhnev ready to visit U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (R). — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin said today he thought Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev would be willing to visit the United States later this year, possibly to sign a second strategic arms limitation accord. Mr. Dobrynin was speaking to reporters just before a meeting at the State Department with Dr. Henry Kissinger and Secretary of State-designate Cyrus Vance.

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Achrafiyeh blast raises spectre of underground warfare in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 4 (R). — East Beirut was paralysed by a near-total strike today in protest against the deaths of 35 people in a huge car bomb explosion, the worst single act of violence since most fighting in the civil war ended on Nov. 15.

The bomb went off in a busy thoroughfare outside the headquarters of the rightwing Phalangist Party's security service last night. It shattered five buildings in the vicinity and reduced 17 cars to charred, twisted piles of blood-stained metal.

As a black-uniformed militia bulldozed the debris aside, a young woman member of the Phalangist Party walked up to what remained of a yellow saloon car and said: "A couple and their three sons died in this." A human finger was wedged into a crack in the floorboard.

Except for a few greengrocers, butchers and chemists, all shops

in eastern Beirut were closed today. So were schools. With tension running high, streets were almost deserted and some of the trunk roads leading from eastern Beirut to the city's western half were blocked by burning tires.

A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today deplored "all subversive activities... causing innocent victims." He said the Palestinian commando movement was keen to establish peace in war-shattered Lebanon.

The Phalangist newspaper Al Amal today splashed three photographs of wreckage from last night's bomb over half a page with a caption simply saying "victims of peace."

The incident has renewed fears that Lebanon's rival factions are taking their conflict underground, resorting to bombings and assassinations now that the peace force has stopped open warfare.

Mr. Gemayel today toured the scene of the explosion and said afterwards it was the work of "experts in subversive and criminal activities... trying to create tension not only in Lebanon but also in other countries."

The explosion left a hole 2.5 metres deep and about five metres in diameter and shattered window panes as far as 500 metres away.

"The bomb, made mostly of plastic explosives, had the equivalent force of 350 kgs. of TNT," said Dr. Michael Raphael, head of the Phalangist corps of engineering. "The blast caused total destruction within a radius of 50 metres."

The incident came one month after three people were killed by a car bomb planted near the home of leftwing leader Kamal Junblatt in western Beirut, controlled by leftist forces through most of the civil war.

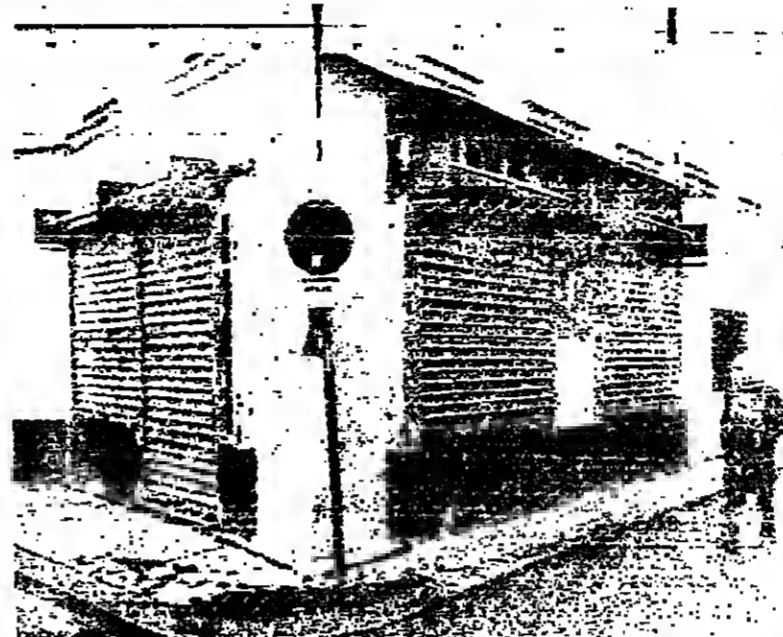
"About 150 people were injured to some extent," Dr. Raphael told Reuters. "Some 85 are still in hospital, some with serious injuries."

Today's strike extended to the little Mediterranean port of Jounieh, the Lebanese right's provision capital during the war, 19 kms north of Beirut.

The Phalangist Radio reported that a man attempting to cross into eastern Beirut today carrying explosives equivalent to 20 kgs of TNT had been detained by militiamen. He had been banded over to troops of the predominantly Syrian Arah peace-keeping force which is supervising the civil war truce.

The radio also said snipers from the leftist-dominated suburb of Chiyah had opened fire on a neighbouring rightist district in order to provoke trouble. There was no immediate confirmation of this.

But informed sources said that three people had been killed and four wounded in a shooting incident near a local Phalangist office in the northern suburb of Jdeideh.



CHAUVINIST SLOGAN—The inscription "Israel vaincra" (Israel will win) appears over the closed shutters of the Arah language bookshop in the Latin Quarter in Paris, which was owned by Mahmoud Saleh, fatally shot Tuesday by two unidentified young men. (AP wirephoto).

Palestinian official murdered in Paris

PARIS, Jan. 4 (Agencies). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today accused "Zionist agents" of assassinating Palestinian resistance official Mahmoud Saleh outside his Latin Quarter bookshop last night.

A statement issued by the head of the PLO's Paris office, Mr. Ezzedine Kalak, said that by shooting Mr. Saleh "Zionist agents are acting within a huge plot to liquidate members of the Palestinian revolution."

The PLO statement gave no further details about the people it blamed for the street murder.

Mr. Saleh, 33, a Palestinian with Jordanian nationality, had briefly been head of the PLO office in Paris after its representative, Mahmoud Al Hamsari, was killed by a booby-trapped telephone bomb in December 1972.

Mr. Saleh was shot twice through the head at point-blank range by two young gunmen as he closed the shutters of his Arab bookshop, police said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the assassination. However, the leftwing newspaper Liberation said today that the words "Israel vaincra" (Israel will win) were daubed on the shutter, although this is thought to have been done some days before the murder.

Mr. Saleh was a member of the Rejection Front, a Palestinian organisation totally opposed to a negotiated settlement of the Palestinian problem, police said.

Almost a year ago, a movement calling itself the Jewish Self Defence Front claimed responsibility

for a fire bomb attack on Mr. Saleh's bookstore, which caused heavy damage but no casualties.

The movement claimed the bookshop was a "centre of Palestine terrorism in Paris."

It was also attacked and ransacked in December 1975, six months after opening, by masked men.

In addition to Mr. Saleh and Mr. Al Hamsari, two other Palestinian leaders have been killed in the French capital since 1972. Basil Al Kubaishi, roving emissary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was shot to death on the street in April 1973, and Mohammad Boudia was killed when a bomb exploded in his car in June 1973. Mr. Boudia was allegedly a Black September leader.

Bourges visits Cairo to discuss French aid for Arab arms industry

CAIRO, Jan. 4 (R). — French Defence Minister Yvon Bourges arrived here today on a five-day official visit for talks with Egyptian War Minister Gen. Abdul Ghani Gamassi on French cooperation in setting up an Arab arms industry.

France has agreed to provide Egypt with technological and technical aid in setting up an \$8 billion arms industry with financial backing from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

The two ministers are also expected to discuss bilateral arms sales. But there appeared to be some confusion whether the French Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft, not yet in a production phase, would be involved.

The semi-official Al Ahran newspaper today quoted Mr. Bourges as saying in an interview that France might supply Egypt with the plane, if requested.

Suicide of leading Labour Alignment figure not expected to dampen Rabin's chances

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4 (R). — The suicide of Housing Minister Avraham Ofer stunned Israelis today but was not expected to become a major issue in Israel's forthcoming election campaign.

Mr. Ofer, 55, shot himself through the head while in his car on a deserted beach near here yesterday. He left a note denying increasing public allegations that he had embezzled public funds before entering the government.

Mr. Ofer, Polish-born, had long been a key figure in Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's ruling Labour Alignment. However, his death was generally not expected to weigh heavily in the general elections, which the government today asked the Knesset to approve for May 17.

Retired Maj.-Gen. Ezer Weizman, campaign chairman for the rightwing Likud opposition who are the Labour movement's major foes, said today that he would try to avoid the issue during the campaign.

"Mr. Ofer's death may have some influence during the election campaign. But I will do my best not to make use of it," Gen. Weizman said.

The high level police investigation into Mr. Ofer's actions when he was head of the giant Shikun Ovdim construction firm, owned by the Histadrut trade unions group, was expected to continue.

Reporting on the investigation, most of the Israeli press today reproduced excerpts from recent Knesset records since statements made in the law-making body are not subject to local libel laws.

The Knesset statement principally centered on alleged irregularities in the purchase of highly valuable land around Jerusalem in 1970.

However, Mr. Uri Avneri, the Director and Editor-in-Chief of the weekly Haolam Hazeh, said in a radio broadcast today that Mr. Ofer had urged him two weeks ago to halt publication of irregularities in which he was allegedly implicated. Mr. Ofer had appealed to Mr. Avneri on political grounds, saying they held similar convictions.

Mr. Ofer recalled that he was a major opponent in the government of the nationalist religious extremists who favoured unauthorised Jewish settlement in occupied Jordan, Mr. Avneri said.

According to recent Israeli press reports, Mr. Ofer was allegedly implicated in a property affair involving the purchase of 15 hectares (37.5 acres) of land around Nabi Samwil, near Jerusalem, from

West Bank Arabs. Police interest in Mr. Ofer's activities at the time stemmed from a separate investigation concerning Mr. Asher Yadin, a governor designate of the Bank of Israel who now faces a string of charges for alleged financial misdealing when heading the Histadrut's sic fund.

Mr. Ofer was politically close to Mr. Rabin but it was reliably reported that the Israeli premise had told him two days ago that he could expect no special protection if police proved suspicious against him.

This move, which many Israelis believed had precipitated Mr. Ofer's action, was generally thought to prove a boon to Mr. Rabin the issue entered the election campaign. Mr. Rabin himself is reported to have told police to ignore external pressures when conducting investigations into high place

PLO council to meet Jan. 11

DAMASCUS, Jan. 4 (R). — The Palestine Central Council (PCC) will meet here on Jan. 11 for the second time in four weeks to discuss the latest efforts to achieve a Middle East settlement, a senior Palestinian official said. Mr. Khaled Fahoum, Chairman of the Palestine National Council (PNC) — the Palestinian parliament in exile — told reporters last night the PCC would also discuss increasing the membership of the PNC which is expected to meet in Cairo in late February.

In a purely formal move Katzir asks Rabin to form new cabinet

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4 (AFP). — A bill to hold Israeli parliamentary elections on May 17 passed its first reading in parliament today in the wake of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's resignation on Dec. 21.

The outgoing premier was asked earlier today by President Ephraim Katzir to attempt to form a new government. But Mr. Rabin warned that it would be "enormously" difficult to patch together a new coalition, especially since parliament wanted a general election.

Observers said it was most unlikely that Mr. Rabin could put together a viable coalition within the 21-day period prescribed, or indeed within the additional 21 days he can request.

He now has the backing only of his own Labour Party and its ally the Mafam group, which together hold 49 of the 120 seats in the Knesset.

If Mr. Rabin fails to form a new cabinet within six weeks, President Katzir should turn to the rightwing Likud, the main opposition party, Menachem Begin.

But observers pointed out that since by then the Knesset will have fixed a date for an early general election, Mr. Rabin will probably stay on as head of a caretaker government with full powers until after the election.

Friction in the previous coalition centered on the National Religious Party's support for the principle of Israeli settlement of the Arab-inhabited West Bank of the Jordan, and opposition of Mr. Rabin's Labour Party to new "il-

legal" settlements. Some members of the National Religious Party were unhappy over the May 17 date proposed for the election. That will be just a few days after the 10th anniversary celebration of the occupation of Arah Jerusalem from Jordan.

Although the holy city was occupied during the June, 1967 war, the tenth anniversary according to the Hebrew calendar falls on May 10 this year.

Israeli peace council says understanding exists with PLO

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AFP). — The Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian peace (ICIPP) today said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had said it regarded the council's principles as "an adequate basis for solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

A council spokesman said the statement was made by a member of the PLO leadership during two days of talks here on Friday and Saturday with council Chairman Matityahu Peled.

Both Mr. Peled and the PLO, yesterday denied Israeli press reports that the two sides signed a declaration calling for the peaceful co-existence of Israel and Palestinian state.

The spokesman said the PLO regarded the ICIPP as among "peace forces inside Israel whose activities are highly appreciated."

The council includes opposition members of the Israeli parliament among its members. Rightist politicians in Israel have called for prosecution of ICIPP members for meeting representatives of the PLO.

The council spokesman said the PLO representative at the Paris meeting had recently visited the United States and was "glad to point out that the PLO's peaceful intentions have been recognised by large sections of the American public, as well as by groups of American Jews."

He had maintained "regular communications" with the ICIPP spokesman said, and "regular meetings" between him and council members were scheduled for the future.

L'Orient-Le Jour only shut down paper to reappear

BEIRUT, Jan. 4 (Agencies). — Five daily newspapers failed to appear here today amid uncertainty about how a new press censorship decree will work.

The five were occupied last month and stopped from publishing by peace-keeping troops. But the soldiers withdrew and the newspapers were expected to reappear following a decree at the weekend imposing formal press censorship.

Staff at the newspapers today said only that preparations were being made to bring them out again. A sixth newspaper occupied last month, the French-language L'Orient-Le Jour, did appear today for the first time in 15 days.

It is still not clear how the censors will operate.

Foreign correspondents have been called to a meeting tomorrow to learn from the government where and how to submit their dispatches.

Until then, they have been asked to write with care on sensitive matters.

Reliable sources said here today that Premier Selim Al Hoss yesterday demanded that Palestine information outlets based in Lebanon submit to the same censorship laws as the Lebanese.

At a meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, the Lebanese premier insisted that a formula be found guaranteeing that all news media in Lebanon be subject to the same censorship.

UAE federal cabinet takes oath of office

ABU DHABI, Jan. 4 (R). — A new 23-man United Arab Emirates (UAE) federal government takes the oath of office here tonight in front of UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan who was himself re-elected for a second five-year term just over a month ago.

Sheikh Maktum Ibn Rashid Al Maktum, who has been Prime Minister since the creation of the seven-member federation five years ago, was apparently trying to have a more efficient and homogeneous team when in forming his new government last night he cut down the number of portfolios, disposed of the services of 10 ministers and appointed six new faces to the government, observers said.

The most notable absentee from the new government was Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Zayed Al Nahayan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, who was replaced as Deputy Prime Minister by Sheikh Hamad Ibn Mohammed Al Nahayan, a cousin of the UAE president.

But officials said that Sheikh Khalifa had asked to be relieved of his ministerial post in order to concentrate on his duties as Deputy Supreme Commander of the Federal Armed Forces under the UAE president.

The new smaller cabinet appeared to be more of a government of talents than the previous 29-man government where the mini-



Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, President of UAE.

sters were differently chosen to represent the different Emirates, the observers said.

Although every Emirate was represented in the new cabinet, the prime minister did not adhere to the proportions in the previous government which reflected the political weight on each Emirate within the federation.

But Abu Dhabi and Dubai, the biggest and second biggest of the Emirates respectively, continued to have the lions' share of seats, with Abu Dhabi having eight representatives in the 23-man cabinet and Dubai five. Ras Al Khaimah had four, Sharjah three and Ajman, Umm Al Quwain and Fujaira one each.

Sadat: No Geneva without PLO Palestinian source reports

CAIRO, Jan. 4 (R). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has told a visiting Palestinian delegation that there can be no Geneva conference on the Middle East without the presence of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the semi-official newspaper Al Ahran said today.

The Egyptian leader, repeating the attitude voiced by Egypt since the abortive first round of the conference in December 1973, was quoted as saying this by a Palestinian official source, the paper reported.

Mr. Sadat made the remarks at a meeting at the weekend with a visiting Palestinian delegation from the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

The Egyptian leader added that an independent Palestinian delegation should go to the conference, the paper said.

Mr. Sadat also considered the creation of a revolutionary provisional Palestinian government as a vital and important issue and said there were about 100 states ready to recognise such a government, Al Ahran added.

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Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ibn Issa Al Khalifeh is seen off by H.H. Crown Prince Hassan at Amman airport Tuesday. (JNA photo).

King Hussein visits Yarmouk University



His Majesty King Hussein listens to the President of the Yarmouk University, Dr. Adnan Badran (far right) who explained future plans for the university, during his visit to the temporary campus in Irbid Tuesday. (JNA photo).

How options are made

Two statements made by Palestinian figures recently may point to a major and very important shift in PLO policies that could be among the paving stones being laid down to smooth out the road to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. These are the statement by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat last week that the Palestinians would accept a state of their own on the West Bank and Gaza, and the statement in Bahrain two days ago by a senior PLO official, Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, that the PLO is not against the idea of joining one large Arab delegation to the reconvened Geneva Middle East Peace Conference. If these statements reflect basic positions agreed upon by the Palestinian leadership--and the likelihood is more that they do than that they do not--it appears increasingly clear that the "peace offensive" being spearheaded by the prolific statements of President Sadat of Egypt is moving towards an Arab position too clear to miss, and probably too tempting to ignore.

The major shift in PLO policies seems evident, even though its specifics have yet to be enunciated. This historic shift rests on the fact that the partition of Palestine into separate Israeli and Palestinian Arab states--a concept long ago accepted in principle by the neighbouring Arab states--is now also coming to be accepted by the Palestinians, or at least a majority of them.

If one accepts this basic principle of two different states in Palestine--however they may or may not be linked together or with other neighbouring states--then one puts a finger on the root cause of conflict in the Middle East, and thus simultaneously on the only source of true peace. If the abstract principle of dual Palestinian and Israeli statehood is accepted, then the formation of practical Palestinian and Israeli states becomes enormously easier. If and when this happens, two basic fountainheads of turmoil and conflict shall simultaneously be stilled--the absence of an outlet for the national aspirations of the Palestinians, and the exaggerated manner in which Zionism has sought to express its political goals at the expense of Arab territory and sovereignty. If Palestinian nationalism is satisfied, and Israeli nationalism is defined and contained once and for all, then these twin causes of conflict in the Middle East shall have been eradicated.

The recent statements by Mr. Arafat and Mr. Abbas signal real movement in this direction. With other factors, they inevitably turn up the heat under the simmering pot within which is cooking the difficult Middle East peace meal. On both the short-term procedural questions and the longer-term substantive ones, the Palestinians have let it be known that there are grounds for compromise in Palestine, and thus there are reasons at last to see the possibility of a real peace in the Middle East. The Arabs are all clearly behind the Palestinians in this matter, and the pivotal dialogue between the Arabs and the United States shall continue to become ever more intense in the first few months of 1977, thus adding more fuel to the fire.

If the Israeli answer to this is to murder Palestinians in Paris, and for the Israeli prime minister to seek electoral allies by standing fast against the idea of a Palestinian state in Palestine, and for the Israeli foreign minister to insist over and over again that the Palestinians cannot be included in the Geneva conference, and for the Israeli defence minister to overlook the Palestinians and suggest that more bilateral agreements between Israel and Syria, Jordan and Egypt are the way to peace, then how wrong can one be to think that Israel is leaving itself and the Arabs no real option than to prepare for another war?

The ball is in Israel's court, but it is not clear whether Israel is in the game.

Bahraini crown prince ends official visit

AMMAN (JNA). — Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ibn Issa Al Khalifeh left for home Tuesday after talks here with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and other senior officials.

The Bahraini visitor, who also was received by His Majesty King Hussein, spent three days here, during which he discussed the Middle East situation and bilateral relations.

Sheikh Hamad was accompanied by the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Ibn Mohammad Al Khalifeh, who praised Jordan on its technical progress.

"I have learned a lot in the field of social service in Jordan, and I hope that Bahrain benefits from Jordan's experience in this field," the Bahraini minister said.

Asked on the future role of the Gulf states in the Arab World, Sheikh Al Khalifeh said that presently the Gulf states are playing their role in the Arab and Islamic Worlds and that if we pool the financial power of the Gulf states with the progress and knowhow achieved by other Arab states, the Arab World can play an important role on the international scene.

The Bahraini Crown Prince and the accompanying delegation were seen off at the airport by Crown Prince Hassan, Premier Mudar Badran, the Chief of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Sharif Nasser Ibo Jamil, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt Gen Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni, Jordan's ambassador to Bahrain, Mousa Keilani, and a number of high ranking officials in the government.

Jordan to attend Islamic Universities League meet

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan will participate in the meetings of the second session of the Executive Council of the Islamic Universities League due to be held at the Imam Mohammad Ibn Sa'ud Islamic University in Riyadh Saturday.

During its three-day session the council will discuss a number of issues which will lead to stronger relations among the Islamic universities.

The council will also consider other Islamic universities request to join the league. Dr. Ibrahim Keilani will represent the University of Jordan at this session.

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday morning paid a visit to Yarmouk University where he reviewed the activities and future projects of the university.

The King then presided over a meeting which was attended by Premier Mudar Badran who is also the President of the Special Committee of the university, Chief of

the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul Haruid Sharaf, the president of the university Dr. Adnan Badran and the directors of departments at the university.

Following the meeting, he listened to a detailed explanation on the activities, establishments, and the process of teaching at the university's temporary location at Irbid's Agricultural Nursery.

The King gave his directions towards the necessity of close cooperation between the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University on the completion and administration of the Marine Sciences Centre in Aqaba with view to conducting joint scientific studies there. Dr. Adnan Badran presented to His Majesty the university's shield its golden emblem.

Rawabdeh opens new post office

AL SALT (JNA). — The Minister of Communications, Mr. Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh Tuesday opened a new post office at Yarqa village near here.

Earlier in the day the minister visited Al Salt where he inspected the central post office, the automatic telephone exchange and gave his remarks on how to further facilitate services for the inhabitants of the town.

He said a sum of JD 61,000 was detailed for expansion of Al Salt telephone network to cover all parts of the city, including the new residential and industrial areas.

On the telephone services in the Jordan Valley Mr. Al Rawabdeh said there is a telephone project within the development plan to improve public utilities in the Valley. The project aims at the establishment of an automatic telephone service to include all the Valley areas, and link it directly with the national telephone network in Amman by means of a special microwave system.

He said the total cost of all these projects is estimated at JD 2,200,000.

NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARY TEAM LEAVES FOR DAMASCUS

AMMAN (JNA). — The Norwegian parliamentary delegation left here for Damascus Tuesday afternoon at the end of a two-day visit during which its members met with His Majesty King Hussein and other top government officials.

The delegation's visit is part of a Middle East tour which will take it to Syria and Egypt to listen to the Arab viewpoint on the Palestine problem in particular and the Middle East crisis in general.

On Tuesday morning the deleg-

ation had visited the Schneller refugee camp where its members looked over the living conditions of the Palestinian refugees and met with a number of them.

The delegation also visited the UNRWA Vocational Training Centre at Wadi Seer near here, and was briefed on its activities.

In the afternoon they paid a visit to Jerash and from there left for Syria.

Senator Ahmad Al Khalil, the governor of Irbid and a number of officials were present in Jerash to bid them farewell.

Taxi-meters effective as of Wednesday

AMMAN (JNA). — Taxi-meters will become operational from today, Wednesday, on all taxis from whatever office in Amman.

The Director of Traffic Department, Brig. Mithyeb Alawi said all taxis should be in possession of a serviceable-car certificate signed by the inspector of nomenclatures and measures at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Cars which do not carry such a card should report to the General Car Owners Union in Jabal Al Hussein.

Brig. Alawi appealed to all citizens to report any driver not using the meter or trying to exploit them by asking for more than the true rate.

National Notes

● AMMAN. — The French ambassador accompanied by the cultural attache Tuesday paid a visit to the training school of the Jordanian Geographical Centre in Zarqa where they were briefed on the activities and the training programmes of the centre. They also met with the principal and the staff of the centre. The establishment of the school was backed by the French government which provided experts, instruments, and training of Jordanian engineers and their assistants in France at its own expense.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

On the current visit to Jordan of a Norwegian parliamentary delegation, Al Rai editorially said Tuesday that the Jordanian leadership's talks with the Norwegian parliamentarians reflect the climate prevailing in the Arab region at present. "What the delegation has heard in Amman is likely to be heard in Damascus, Cairo and even in Palestine Liberation Organization circles," the paper says. It continues: "The ebbing of extreme Arab talk is, in itself, a healthy sign for Arab action. The convulsive and high-toned voice in which we used to address the world was not a manifestation of strength as much as a manifestation of weakness. It did not signify a moral, political or military courage; it was more like a man cowering in fear of the darkness..." Under the heading "Awakening of one's conscience?" columnist Arafat Hijazi, writing in Al-Dustur, says the following: "At last their conscience has begun to wake up! The Israeli minister Avraham Ofer has finally discovered that he was a thief... His conscience woke up and he killed himself! The Israeli minister is the minister of himself, i.e. the man who has executed all plans and projects for constructing buildings and colonies on Arab lands for Jews to dwell in after the heartless expulsion of the landowners."

"But he suddenly discovered that he was a thief and that he was involved in a big embezzlement operation. When he knew the truth about himself, his conscience woke up, and yesterday he paid penalty for his crimes by committing suicide." Mr. Hijazi continues: "If the rest of the thieves involved in pilfering Arab homes know the truth about themselves, they would not find a way to atone for their sins and crimes other than the way Ofer chose..." "When will the conscience of the remaining clique awaken so as not to find a way for atonement save by committing suicide? It is better for them to take their own lives, if and when their conscience awakens, rather than to be killed while they are drifting in their iniquities," the writer says. Another columnist, Abdul Rahim Omar, ridicules in Al Rai the activities of the Israeli "peacemaker" Abe Nathan, who was asked by President Sadat to sail down the Suez Canal with his ship. Omar says that at long last Nathan's "peace" ship has entered the canal waters with its load of music and "good-will". But peace did not come out. As Shakespeare had said: "If the music was the fare of love, then play it." But music is not the fare of peace. Certainly it is not the fare of those who lost their homes..."

Al Baath daily of Damascus Tuesday criticised the Iraqi government for stopping the pumping of their oil through Syria and diverting their oil pipeline to a Turkish Mediterranean port. (The 900 kms. pipeline between Kirkuk in northern Iraq and Yumurtalik port in Turkey was formally inaugurated at the Iraqi end Tuesday.)

The paper says that by this action Iraq has deprived Syria of some 600 million Syrian pounds worth of royalties. It asks why should the Iraqi government drop the possibility of transporting an annual 60 million tons of oil, which can be raised to 80 million, through the pipelines traversing Syria and agree with Turkey to construct a very expensive pipeline which can accommodate only half this quantity?

Al Baath says the Iraqi government loses no opportunity of making things more difficult for Syria.

Arab organisations coordination body holds meet in Cairo

CAIRO (JNA). — The Arab Organisation Coordination Committee Monday held a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Mahmoud Riad, Secretary General of the Arab League.

During Monday's meeting the committee discussed suggestions to prevent duality among the organisations, boost Arab cooperation in the different aspects either in the Arab-African relations, the European-Arab dialogue, or among the Arab organisations themselves, Mr. Riad said.

The directors of the organisations submitted an assessment of the works that have been completed so far. The presidents of the organisations will meet in May

to discuss the decisions arrived at by the coordination committee, Mr. Riad added.

Ramtha post receives 1.7m. arrivals in '76

AMMAN (JNA). — The visitor arrivals and departures via the Jordanian-Syrian border post of Ramtha totalled 1,762,000 during 1976, including 58,640 Moslem pilgrims, the majority of whom were Turks.

The post sources said that the bulk of arrivals and departures were Jordanian and Syrian nationals.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.S. dollar	320.0	331.0
U.K. sterling	562.0	568.0
Swiss franc	135.1	135.5
German mark	140.8	141.2
French franc	66.8	67.1
Italian lira		
(for every 100)	37.7	37.9
Syrian pound	82.6	82.9
Lebanese pound	115.0	116.3
Saudi riyal	94.6	95.0
Iraqi dinar	94.5	95.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1160.0	1170.0
UAE dirham	83.5	84.0
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Fresh deterioration in relations between Sudan and Ethiopia

KHARTOUM, Jan. 4 (AFP). — Deteriorating relations between Sudan and neighbouring Ethiopia had lower today with the announcement that President Jaafar Nimeiri's government has recalled its ambassador from Addis Ababa. The envoy, Mr. Ibrahim Taha Ayoub, returned to Khartoum yesterday, the daily Al Sahafa reported.

President Nimeiri warned Ethiopia on Saturday that he would raise an army from among the 100,000 Eritrean and other Ethiopian refugees in Sudan to repulse any Ethiopian attack, and renewed accusations that Ethiopia was training anti-government Sudanese guerrillas in camps near the border.

Al-Sahafa however gave no reasons for Mr. Ayoub's recall. President Nimeiri also called on Saturday for the transfer of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) headquarters from the Ethiopian capital to some other African capital.

The Sudanese leader alleged that members of his government had treated while in Addis Ababa attending international and regional conferences.

He accused Ethiopia of plotting against Sudan and said his country was capable of undertaking a successful military retaliation unless Ethiopia stopped siding hostile elements and troops.



Nursing a bed-ridden patient -- who may need to be turned every two hours to avoid bed sores -- is less difficult with this new air support bed developed jointly by a British manufacturer and the British Institute of Orthopaedics. The bed consists of five sections each adjusting to the body contour with the torso and lower limbs supported with pressures less than 150 grammes per square inch. The twenty-one air cells are kept inflated by a blower unit and are water resistant but permeable to water vapour, thus allowing the skin to breathe and preventing bed sores. The temperature of the bed can be controlled to patients requirements and two simple controls allow the patient to contour the head and foot sections. It is also fitted with "fall-safe" devices which protect the patient at all times. Extended clinical trials have shown the bed to be especially suitable for heavy or disabled people and for those suffering from severe burns. There is also a good saving in both nursing time and effort with a subsequent raising of the standard of patient care. (BIS photo)

Arab foreign, defence ministers may meet in Riyadh soon

KUWAIT, Jan. 4 (AFP). — Foreign and defence ministers of the Arab countries militarily engaged against Israel may meet shortly in Riyadh, Kuwaiti State Minister Abdul Aziz Hussein said yesterday.

The three countries concerned -- Egypt, Syria and Jordan -- and the PLO have requested that the aid, decided upon at the 1975 Rabat summit conference and fixed at \$1,300 million, should be continued. The money was used to buy arms and military equipment.

After the first year, donor countries discontinued the grant, claiming that the Rabat decision only applied to that year. Recipient countries and the PLO claim the aid should be permanent.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, each tapped for \$400 million, were the largest donors. The United Arab Emirates gave \$300 million and Qatar \$150 million. Iraq, Bahrain and Oman combined to give a "symbolic" \$50 million to the Organisation (PLO) and countries fund.

Egypt's Fahmi discusses Mideast peace conference with U.S., USSR envoys

CAIRO, Jan. 4 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi held talks here yesterday with the U.S. and Soviet ambassadors on moves to reconvene the Geneva Middle East peace conference, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Mr. Fahmi's meeting with the American Ambassador, Mr. Herman Eilts, was at the ambassador's request, the officials said.

As well as meeting Mr. Eilts and Soviet ambassador Vladimir Polakov Mr. Fahmi held talks with the Spanish Ambassador here Mr. Manuel dies Alegria.

Egypt has been trying for some time to have the conference convened by next March. It met briefly and unsuccessfully in December 1973.

Last month, Egypt asked the U.S. and the Soviet Union, co-chairmen of the conference, to come forward with clear-cut views on how a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis could be achieved, including the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

The Egyptian magazine Rose Al Youssef said President Anwar Sadat was expected to meet U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter in West Germany within a few months of Mr. Carter's becoming president on Jan. 20.

The magazine said reliable sources in Bonn had confirmed the report, while Egyptian sources had declined to confirm or deny it.

Rose Al Youssef also reported that the Soviet Union had provided the requested statement of its views on a Middle East settlement. The document included a call for a speedy resumption of the Geneva conference, proposing that the Palestinians take part in the later stages of its work, the magazine said. The current Arab view is that the Palestinians should participate from the start of the conference on an equal footing with other parties. Mr. Fahmi has also been in contact with European countries, in particular those belonging to the European Economic Community (EEC) to find out their attitudes to the issues involved in a peaceful settlement, informed sources said. They said Egypt would like the EEC member-states to adopt an attitude towards the Palestinian question more forceful than that of November 1973, following the Arab-Israeli war, which the Arabs considered ambiguous. The Arab League today invited Arab foreign ministers to meet here on Jan. 15 to discuss the political aspect of the Arab-EEC dialogue as well as means of financing joint projects, League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad said. The meeting, called at Tunisia's request, will precede a session of the league's General Committee due to take place in Tunis on Feb. 10 to discuss the dialogue begun in June 1975. The dialogue has included four rounds of talks so far. Only one of these, which took place in Luxembourg last year and dealt with the political aspect, has been at the requested statement of General Committee level.

Polish workers of Radom accuse authorities of rule of terror

WARSAW, Jan. 4, (R). — Polish workers of the Worker Defence Committee said today that authorities in Radom, 80 kms. south of here, had ruled the city by terror and lawlessness since worker riots in the summer.

The 20-member committee said in a statement that police had threatened workers, and that lawyers and observers had been beaten up inside Radom's court building.

It said the authorities had mown down the violence in the court building, and added that such acts demonstrated a contempt for law in Poland.

The statement called for a parliamentary commission of inquiry and asked Polish authorities to exclude Radom prosecutors from handling investigation procedures.

It said that committee member Miroslaw Chojceki had been beaten up in the court building last week when he attended retrial hearings against workers. Mr. Chojceki, beaten up three times by a dozen unknown assailants, called on police in the court for protection, but was told they were too busy.

The decision was reversed after the protests.

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lawlessness ... for punishment of the offenders," the committee statement said.

It said the Polish prosecutor general's office in Warsaw, which bore final responsibility for law and order, had ignored complaints from arrested workers who had been beaten and maltreated.

A group of 65 Radom workers who wrote to the authorities complained that they were being threatened and pressured by Radom

police to withdraw allegations of being beaten up while in detention.

The committee also said the Polish authorities had conducted a campaign of slander, innuendo and forgery against its members who wanted to help victims of the worker riots here.

The committee has collected about 1,500,000 zloties (£46,800) to aid families of men jailed or dismissed from work.

More clues uncovered in de Broglie killing

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AFP). — Police said they have progressed further in uncovering clues linking two men currently accused of murdering Prince de Broglie, a former French deputy foreign minister, in Paris on Christmas Eve.

They said that police inspector Guy Simone who has confessed to recruiting a hired killer, possessed a French type walkie-talkie known as a Euro-Signal with a direct linkup to the Euro-Signal

of one of the prince's financial advisers, Pierre de Varga, a co-accused.

M. Simone told police earlier that he had been hired by M. de Varga to kill Prince de Broglie who was shot to death outside the building where M. de Varga had his office.

The Euro-Signal is rented by the post office for 250 francs (\$50) a month. The master set is linked to five other sets merely by pressing a button and saves wasting

time by dialling or getting an engaged number. Businessmen usually use it to keep in touch with their secretary, wife or close associates.

Police were amazed to find in M. de Varga's office a Euro-Signal set with one of the buttons marked with M. Simone's name.

M. de Varga explained to them that M. Simone had suggested this form of communication because he had taken out a loan of 120,000 francs (\$24,000) from the

financial adviser. Police were sceptical of this explanation.

Later they found M. Simone's name in the prince's personal diary.

M. Simone's own explanation was that "sometimes I needed to contact M. de Varga urgently and so we used the Euro-Signal". Meanwhile national police headquarters denied mass media reports that M. Simone had been "protected" by a powerful politician during his career.

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Animal protectionists expect boost at forthcoming Paris conference

PARIS (AFP). — Animals may have their own charter similar to that of the Rights of Man.

On Jan. 22, delegates of animal protection associations from many countries are meeting in Paris to prepare the presentation of the charter entitled "Universal Declaration of the Rights of Animals" to UNESCO. The world animal charter project, drafted in French, English, Russian, German, Spanish,

Dutch and Arabic, has already received support from the French Council for the Protection of Animals.

This body, presided by Dr. Fernand Mery, has collected over two million signatures in France alone in support of the charter.

Driving force behind the new deal for the animal kingdom is quiet-spoken, modest Belgian Prof. Georges Heuse, General Secretary

of the Institute of Human Biology at the Cochin Hospital in Paris.

The document stresses that "respect for animals is linked to the respect of man for man."

In addition to insisting that vivisection must "neither mutilate nor cause pain," the charter bans "bull-fighting, safaris, hunting, plegion-shooting and cock-fighting" which are condemned as homicide.

Article 13 of the charter states: "The massacre of baby seals and the extermination of certain species, such as the leopard, shall be regarded as genocide."

Prof. Heuse is delighted with the wide publicity given to the defence of baby seals by film actress Brigitte Bardot.

"The kitten" certainly pulled out her claws in defence of these helpless creatures," the professor commented, referring to the demonstration which she staged in April this year outside the Norwegian embassy off the Champs Elysees.

Prof. Heuse focusses attention on article 4: "from their infancy, children should be taught to observe, understand, respect and love animals." He refers to a clause declaring "scenes of biocide shall be banned from cinema and television screens."

"Punishment of those guilty of ill-treating animals is not enough," he said recently: "Many people grow up in ignorance, not knowing that animals have emotions and suffer pain like humans."

"The French television is doing excellent work in the education of the young in his field. Humanised animals like 'Nounours' Babar and now 'Casimir' make it easy for children to grasp the bond between animals and man. The films about 'Flipper', the dolphin, are also progressive."

Prof. Heuse stated that some animal-loving militants expected opposition, if not lack of cooperation concerning the animal charter from leading whaling nations like Russia and Norway.

"Well, Russia has asked for a translated copy of our project," he said "and Norway has shown an example by drafting a national 10-article animals' charter on her own."

A leading French supporter of the animals' charter is Mme. Jacqueline Gilardoni, founder and President of the Slaughter-house Animals' Aid Association, which counts M. Edgar Faure, President of the French National Assembly, among its members.

"Now that factory farming is being introduced to feed the world's exploding population, the need for an animals' charter is imperative," said this crusading animal-

lover. She recently showed journalists pictures of hens who had been pecked and plucked to death in "concentration camps" which pack up to 20,000 birds in confined spaces. These hens showed the same phenomena of behaviour as the human inmates of the Nazi concentration camps... aggressivity, cannibalism, stress and sexual abnormalities.

In order to minimise losses caused by "concentration camp" existence, egg producers have now resorted to cutting the points of the hens' beaks and mutilating their claws.

Mme. Gilardoni described how the hens are cooped up in overcrowded batteries, where they spend the rest of their lives. They lay on average 250 eggs in a year, at the end of which the exhausted birds are used for making dehydrated soups.

In some cages as many as 25 hens are kept and sometimes hens would lie dead for several days before being discovered in the ill-lit hatteries.

Mme. Gilardoni also produced pathetic pictures of calves severed from their mothers after two days. They were then forced to stand upright in cages for long hours with muzzles over their mouths to prevent them eating their scanty straw beds. Their diet was purposefully deprived of iron so that the flesh of their anaemic carcasses would be "nice and white for the market."

Prof. Heuse also expects backing for the charter from Mme. Jacqueline Thome-Patenotre, President of the French Societe Protectrice des Animaux, parliamentarian and mayor of Rambouillet. She presented a bill to the national Assembly for the protection of animals and has campaigned for cheaper railway fares for dogs.

"I also get great encouragement from Alike Lindbergh," said Prof. Heuse. A prize-winner for books by animal-lovers, Miss Lindbergh studies monkeys at her Dordogne residence, talks about them on French television and writes books about them. The last one was "When the Howling Monkeys are Silent."

Prof. Heuse concluded that in addition to counting on the support of independent organisations and the general public, he expected the animals' charter project would receive valuable backing from the French government's ministry for the Quality of Life.

"It is clear," said Prof. Heuse, "that the protection of the animal kingdom is an indispensable element in mankind's struggle for a better environment."

FOR THE OCCASION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S Silver jubilee



JUBILEE CUP -- Retired craftsman Harold Brown puts the finishing touches to a full lead-crystal chalice cup -- one of a hundred produced by the English family company of Brierley Glass to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's silver jubilee next month. Harold, who retired two years ago, was delighted to return for a few months to the firm where he practised his skills for so many years to play an active role in the nationwide silver jubilee preparations.

Hydrogen fusion problem tames East and West

MOSCOW (CSM). — Eugeni P. Velikov, deputy director of the Soviet Kurchatov Institute, is proud of his country's leadership in hydrogen fusion research. But he says he is especially pleased, as chief of that effort, to share in the most effective international programme in the roster of detente.

tly with materials yet to be developed and at a cost consumers can afford.

That scale up alone could take 10 to 20 years, while two decades' work already has not got fusion running in the laboratory.

Now a device called a tokamak -- invented in the Soviet Union, improved in several countries -- promises the long-sought breakthrough. Edwin E. Kintner of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Agency reflects a consensus when he says he sees no technical reason to doubt that the new generation of tokamaks being built in the Soviet Union, the United States, Japan and perhaps Europe should show how to achieve fusion.

However, experts need a lot of confidence to recommend these expensive machines (\$216 million for the one being built at Princeton, N.J.). They have it, Dr. Velikov explains, because "we are not just sharing general information and data, but detailed plans, and are freely helping each other to refine our planning."

Fusion, the nuclear process that powers the sun, raises tantalising visions of providing abundant energy on earth. How many realise it has already produced unique dividends in East-West relations?

Soviet-U.S. cooperation in this field antedates the 1972 Nixon-Brezhnev accord. It embraces Britain, Japan, France, Germany and others, as well as the United States. And it transcends the arms-length exchanges of U.S.-USSR bilateral scientific cooperation which the 1972 accord encouraged.

As Dr. Velikov noted during a recent visit to Washington, there is a melding of national programmes in an orchestrated attack on one of the most difficult scientific-engineering problems mankind has ever tackled.

The cautious optimism many researchers now feel about solving that problem has emerged from a situation in which some of the best scientists and engineers on this planet have been free to pool insight and know-how.

To succeed they must heat hydrogen fuel to hundreds of millions of degrees, hold it together long enough to produce energy, extract that energy in useful form, then scale up the process to a commercial-size reactor built par-

able because fusion's benefits are long range. There is nothing to patent and little of military interest in it now. Yet the eventual pay-off would aid all mankind. Competition in such a field makes little sense.

There is nothing else quite like this on the international scene. That is why the scientifically intractable problem of taming hydrogen fusion has set a ract that energy in useful form, political standard for East-West cooperation no other activity has achieved.

FOR SERVICES RENDERED -- This new medal has been struck to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne in February. It is to be known as the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal and will be a personal award to members of the crown services and to others, including those engaged in industry, trade, the arts, sport, journalism, entertainment, local services and voluntary work. The silver medal, designed by Mr. David Wynne, shows a crowned effigy of the Queen looking to the observer's right on the obverse side with the inscription "Elizabeth II Dei Gratia Regina Fld. Def." The reverse side bears the inscription: "The 25th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II 6 February 1977." It is surmounted by the crown and framed by silver birch foliage and catkins.



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03:00	The Breakfast Show :
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06:30	GMT : News, Regional and Topical Reports; VOA Current News Summary.
03:30, 04:30 and 05:30	GMT : An informal presentation of popular music with feature reports and interviews, answers to listeners' questions, Science Digest.
17:00	News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analyses, News Summary.
17:30	Dateline.
18:00	Special English, News, Feature : Space and Man, News Summary.
18:30	Music USA (Standards)
19:00	News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analyses, News Summary.
19:30	VOA Magazine, Americana, Science, Cultural, Letters.
20:00	Special English, News.
20:15	Music USA (Jazz).
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7:40	News reports
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10:30 Cairo	14:15 Athens (GA)
10:50 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)	14:20 Jeddah (SDI)
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12:00 London	17:15 Cairo
15:00 Doha, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (GA)	17:55 Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva
15:45 Riyadh, Tehran (SDI)	18:20 Athens, Larnaca
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06:30	Terry Wogan's LP Showcase	16:45	The World Today
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07:30	Sarah Ward	17:09	Discovery
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08:00	News	17:45	Sports Round-up
08:15	The Mill on the Floss	18:00	News; Radio Newsreel
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09:00	News; Press Review	19:00	Outlook : News Summary
09:30	Financial News	19:40	Stock Market Report
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10:00	Talkabout	20:00	News; 24 hours
10:30	Command Performance	20:30	David Gell's Music
11:00	News	21:00	Report on Religion
11:15	Business and Industry	21:15	Wales '77
11:30	Farming World	21:30	Composer and Interpreter
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12:15	David Gell's Music	22:25	Financial News
12:45	Sports Round-up	22:45	Sports Round-up
13:00	News; 24 hours	23:00	News; Commentary
13:30	World Radio Club		
13:45	A Jolly Good Show		

JORDAN TELEVISION

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6:00	Quran	9:15	Reportage
6:05	Cartoons		
6:30	Agricultural programme	Channel 6 :	
		7:30	News in Hebrew
		7:45	Varieties
		8:30	Dr. in charge
		9:10	The Pallisers
		10:00	News in English
		10:15	Mystery movie (Columbo)
Channel 3 :			
7:30	Sports programme		

مركزنا هو التصل

Tito visits Libya, Egypt from Jan. 15

BELGRADE, Jan. 4 (R). — President Tito of Yugoslavia will visit Libya and Egypt in the second half of this month, it was officially announced here today.

Informed sources said his trip to Libya will start on Jan. 15 and his visit to Egypt on Jan. 20. The Yugoslav leader is expected to support moves for reconvening the Geneva Middle East conference in talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

ARAB GULF STATES OPEN COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

ABU DHABI, Jan. 4 (R). — Communications experts from four Gulf Arab states started a three-day conference here today on ways of linking their communications systems. Officials from Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were attending the meeting which would decide whether the four countries should be linked by land or submarine cables, officials said. The proposed system would meet projected growth in telephone and telex use in the four states up to 1990, they added.

The sources said the 84-year-old Yugoslav leader is likely to stress a need for greater Arab unity in tackling Middle East problems. He is also certain to brief the two Arab leaders on his talks here seven weeks ago with Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev, the sources said. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi conferred with President Tito shortly before Mr. Brezhnev's visit here and there has been speculation in both Cairo and Belgrade that Marshal Tito might try to arrange a reconciliation meeting between the Egyptian and Soviet leaders.

President Tito is also likely to discuss increased economic cooperation between the two Arab countries during the visits. There have been unconfirmed reports that Yugoslavia is supplying Egypt and other Arab countries with military equipment.



SOUTH AFRICAN TALKS — British Chairman of the Geneva conference on Rhodesia (right) meets the press with South Africa's Prime Minister John Vorster outside Mr. Vorster's holiday home at Oubosstrand on the East Cape Coast Monday. At the far right is Dr. Hilgard Muller, South African Minister of Foreign Affairs. (AP wirephoto).

Richard continues shuttle in Botswana

GABORONE, Botswana, Jan. 4 (Agencies). — British negotiator Ivor Richard, Chairman of the adjoined Geneva conference on Rhodesia, arrived here from Pretoria today for talks with the Botswana President, Sir Seretse Khama.

At Gaborone Airport Mr. Richard said: "We regard the advice of the president and influence of Botswana in this whole affair as extremely important."

Botswana is the fourth Southern African country Mr. Richard has visited on his shuttle mission aimed at forging a basis for negotiation between the blacks and whites at the Geneva conference.

Mr. Richard tonight had a working dinner with Foreign Minister Archie Mogwe and tomorrow meets Sir Seretse. The British envoy then plans to fly to Mozambique and Tanzania.

He has already met the leaders of Zambia, Rhodesia and South Africa.

In a Salisbury court yesterday, Browning Haydon van der Spuy, an unemployed white, admitted planning to throw acid at Mr. Richard.

Mr. van der Spuy was arrested by police near Mr. Richard's hotel here in possession of a container of acid on Saturday while the Briton was in Salisbury for talks with Prime Minister Ian Smith on proposals for a handover to black majority rule in the rebel colony.

The Magistrate, C.L. Gale, ordered Mr. van der Spuy to be sent for psychiatric examination and adjourned the case until Jan. 17.

In Tripoli, visiting Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo today had a meeting with Mr. Taha Sharif ion Ameer, Minister of State attached to the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, Libyan radio reported today.

Mr. Nkomo, who is at present on an African tour, is a leader of a faction of the African National Council (ANC) and of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU).

Hopes for Mideast peace, world detente

D'Estaing gives New Year's message

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AFP). — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing expressed hopes today for a "just and global" Middle East peace, and "new results" for international detente, in 1977.

There could be a "decisive result for the peace, for the balance and the serenity of the world" if the international community devoted all required efforts to the Middle East peace search, he told the diplomatic corps here.

At the same time he hoped for new results from efforts for detente in relations between Eastern and Western Europe, and perhaps for a detente "still more vast in the world."

France was ready to take part in "methodical and precise" preparation for a meeting scheduled in Belgrade this year on European security and cooperation, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing added.

Efforts "to organise Europe better" would also continue, he said. They would pass through an important stage together with approval for decisions for the election of a "Western European parliamentary assembly by universal suffrage."

France meanwhile approved a decision to adjourn a ministerial meeting of the north-south dialogue of industrialised and developing nations here to the start of 1977, in view of the installation of new governments and the complexity of the problems, he added.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing also told state officials and senior civil servants at an Elysee Palace ceremony here that the state was "not an end in itself," but an instrument to serve the national community of France.

The government's first priority was economic recovery, and first results from "firm and lucid action" were now emerging, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said.

Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev will visit France late in June or early in July, and another Western economic summit meeting may take place in London this spring, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said today.

He also said his own travel programme would be reduced "until the French economy picks up."

But Mr. Giscard d'Estaing confirmed he would visit Saudi Arabia this month and Mali in February.

People's Daily: Unrest is factional in-fighting

PEKING, Jan. 4 (Agencies). — The Chinese press today published more details of recent unrest in the strategic southern province of Fukien but said rival groups were settling their differences.

The People's Daily newspaper reported "beating, smashing and looting," and said factionalism last year brought some factories to a standstill.

About 12,000 troops have been mobilised in Fukien, which is opposite Taiwan, to help end disturbances blamed on followers of Mao Tse-tung's widow Chiang Ching and three other radical leaders.

Local radio stations have reported violence in 11 of China's 29 provinces.

According to a Chinese official here the provincial troubles largely occurred before Mme Chiang Ching's arrest last October but had not been completely quelled.

The People's Daily blamed the Fukien unrest on a few people who were instigated by the "gang of four" radicals to establish illicit contacts, create splits, falsify charges against others and "stir up struggles with force."

The People's Daily said rival groups were ironing out their differences and concentrating their hatred on the radicals.

In a separate development, the New York Times said today it was "too early to assume that Mr. Hua (Kuo-feng) will certainly be Mao's successor" in China.

In an editorial the paper said: "There is obviously a great deal of unease throughout China. The leftist forces evidently fear a gen-

Carrillo meets with Spanish opposition

MADRID, Jan. 4 (AFP). — Mr. Santiago Carrillo, head of the banned Spanish Communist Party, took part for the first time today in a meeting of the opposition "Committee of Nine" formed to negotiate political change with the government.

This was Mr. Carrillo's first public appearance since he was released from detention on Thursday. The Communist leader was jailed after coming out of hiding last month.

A single incident marked Mr. Carrillo's arrival for the meeting. When a man in his 40's shouted from a crowd of journalists: "You communists, you're terrorists." A tense Mr. Carrillo responded with an insult.

The Communist Party secretary general was accompanied by four bodyguards. He has been living under protection since his Thursday release because "the government thinks someone may try to assassinate me," he told AFP last night.

Also present at today's meeting was Mr. Felipe Gonzalez of the Spanish Socialist Worker Party.

Mr. Carrillo said last night that he hoped the committee would be able to achieve three aims: Amnesty for political prisoners, free elections and a possible agreement between reformist forces in the regime and the democratic parties.

He noted there had already been indirect negotiations between the

opposition, including the Communist Party, and the government.

Spanish Communist Party Chairman Mrs. Dolores Ibarruri, once known to the world as "La Pasionara" and now an old lady of 81, will probably return to Spain within two months after nearly 40 years exile in the Soviet Union. Communist sources said here today that talks were recently held between party leaders and Madrid authorities concerning her return in the near future.

An unbending revolutionary of raging eloquence, "La Pasionara" left Spain in the wake of Gen. Franco's civil war victory in 1939.

16 MILLION SPANIARDS VOTED "YES"

MADRID, Jan. 4 (AFP). — Sixteen million Spaniards of the country's 22 million electorate voted "yes" in the Dec. 15 referendum on political reforms, final official results showed today. The tally, made public today, indicated that there were 22,644,290 registered voters. Voting: 17,499,562, "yes" votes. 16,573,190, "no" votes. 450,102, blank ballots: 523,457, while 52,823 votes were declared void.

Syrian press slams new Iraqi pipeline

DAMASCUS, Jan. 4 (R). — The Syrian press today complained that Iraq's decision to pump oil to a Turkish port rather than to Syria will cost this country annual royalties worth 600 million Syrian pounds (\$165 million).

Commenting on the opening yesterday of a new pipeline linking Iraq's Kirkuk fields with the Turkish sea terminal at Dertvol the Damascus daily Al Baath said the Syrian citizen had the right to ask angrily why Baghdad was depriving his people of these royalties.

Al Baath, organ of the Syrian party, said the lost royalties would have helped Syria to develop and contributed towards its defence budget.

Iraq stopped pumping oil to Syria in April last year, following the breakdown of talks between the two countries aimed at renewing their agreement on oil transit.

Al Baath said there was no practical justification for the new 1,000-kms. pipeline, and it would have a smaller capacity than the now disused pipe which links Kirkuk with Banias and the Lebanese port of Tripoli.

"Syria will drop the royalties from Iraqi oil from its budget, but our people in Iraq will not forgive its government such anti-national acts," Al Baath said.

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LONDON MARKET REPORT

The close was moderately higher in active trading. Investor optimism over the economic outlook and lower interest rate possibilities extended the recent bullish trend but a stock shortage accentuated advances, dealers said.

At 1500 the F.T. index was up 9.2 at 363.9 having touched 364.2. Interest among government bonds was helped by exhaustion of the government broker's short "tap" stock supplies. Longer loans rose up to 3/8, but some shorts lost gains of 1/16 on switching to longer and book squaring. Initial dealings in the new long "tap" stock were at a 1/4 point premium.

B.P. ended 14p up at a record 824p while speculative interest among North Sea oil explorers caused gains of 10p in Viking Resources, Associated News and Oil Exploration. Thomson Organisation rose 14p.

ICI, Thorn, Bats, EMI, Hawker Siddeley, Tube Investments, Vickers, Fisons, Glaxo and Guest Keen rose between 5p and 11p.

Banks rose up to 8p. Insurances led second liners higher with Sun Alliance up 15p.

Gold shares rose with the bullion price in modest trading. Australians firmed in line with Sydney. Dollar stocks lost ground.